

health etc., and also implemenation of direct employment generation porogrammes to increase the income of the poor.

Import of Edible Oils

932. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oils imported during the last three years;

(b) the total foreign exchange paid for the import of these oils;

(c) whether Government are formulat- ing any scheme for becoming self reliant in the matter of edible oils; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). The quantity of edible oils imported during the last three financial years with CIF value thereof is as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Qty. of Import (Lakh MTs)</i>	<i>CIF Value (Rs. in crore)</i>
1988-89	10.89	765.16
1989-90	2.96	203.60
1990-91	5.38	349.95

(c) and (d). The Government of India is taking steps for becoming self reliant in the production of edible oils. The Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) of the Govern- ment of India is being implemented in 18 States. The cost is shared on 75:25 basis between the Centre and the States. Under OPP, subsidy is being given for inputs like seeds, plant protection chemicals and equip- ment, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture packets, gypsum and pyrites.

[*English*]

Setting up of Housing Board

933. SHRI TARA CHAND KHADEL- WAL: Will the Minister of **URBAN DEVEL- OPMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have de- cided to set up a separate housing board to meet the housing needs of the capital; and

(b) if so, the time by which the housing board will be set-up and start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Government had taken a decision to restructure DDA involving inter-alia the set- ting up of a separate Housing Board. How- ever, since the proposal requires a careful consideration and a number of administra- tive and legislative steps are required to be taken in pursuance of the decision it may not be possible to give any definite time frama by which the new Housing board will be cre- ated.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Industry in Rural Areas in Uttar Pradesh

934. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the big industrial houses has submitted a proposal to set up an industry in the rural areas, especially in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). A total number of 477 proposals for the setting up of industrial units in backward districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh are at various stages of processing. This includes 12 proposals for the setting up of industrial units in the Rampur district. As a matter of policy, the details of cases under consideration are not divulged.

[English]

Panel to Study Restructuring of Industrial Sector

935. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a panel to study the restructuring of the Industrial sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Planning Commission have set up an Inter Ministerial Working Group on Industrial Restructuring on October 31, 1991 with the following terms of reference:

- (a) to review provisions in the existing laws regarding labour relations;

(b) to review the role of the State and local governments in industrial restructuring;

(c) to review the existing regulations governing transfer of land;

(d) to review the prevailing procedures for liquidation under the Companies Act;

(e) to review the current procedures regarding rehabilitation of sick industries by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(f) to consider such other aspects as are relevant to overcoming obstacles to adjustment by industrial firms by way of restructuring, winding up and rehabilitation of workers, etc. and

(g) to suggest ways and means of brining about a smooth industrial restructuring including rehabilitation of workers through steps, such as appropriate terminal benefits for their retraining and redeployment in alternative avenues of employment, etc.

Incentives for Setting up of Industries in Hilly and Backward Areas

936. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new industrial policy has eliminated all incentives to entrepreneurs for setting up industries in hilly and backward areas;

(b) if not, the details of the incentives for entrepreneurs;